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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 PARISH OF ST. MARY STATE OF LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

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The Board of Commissioners St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Cypremort Point, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying basic financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of the management of the St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Government Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Franklin, Louisiana June 13, 2007

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS December 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,245,049
Investments	308,211
Ad valorem taxes receivable	166
Other assets	33
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	235,341
Total assets	1,788,800
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	235,341
Unrestricted	1,553,459
Total net assets	\$ 1,788,800

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Expenses:	
General government	\$ 26,162
Public safety - fire protection	62,656
Total program expenses	88,818
Program revenues	_
Net program expense	(88,818)
General revenues	
Allocation from St. Mary Parish	16,013
Other income	116
Investment earnings	73,721
Total general revenues	89,850
Increase in net assets	1,032
Net assets, beginning	1,787,768
Net assets, ending	\$ 1, <u>7</u> 88,800

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND December 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,245,049
Investments	308,211
Ad valorem taxes receivable	166
Other assets	33
Total assets	\$ 1,553,459
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ -</u>
Equity	
Fund balance, unrestricted	1,553,459
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,553,459

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS December 31, 2006

Total fund balance - governmental fund

\$ 1,553,459

The purchase of capital assets are reported as expenditures as they are incurred in governmental funds. The Statement of Net Assets reports capital assets as an asset to the District. These capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives in the Statement of Activities and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets

463,150

Less: accumulated depreciation

(227,809)

235,341

Net assets

\$ 1,788,800

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Revenues	
Allocation from St. Mary Parish	\$ 16,013
Other income	116
Investment earnings	73,721
Total revenues	89,850
Expenditures	
Current	
General government	26,162
Public safety	38,913
Capital outlay	19,703
Total expenditures	84,778
Excess of revenues over expenditures	5,072
Fund balance, beginning	1,548,387
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,553,459

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund

\$ 5,072

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different as follows:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay 19,703
Depreciation expense (23,743)

(4,040)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ 1,032

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

INTRODUCTION

Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, was created by Ordinance No. 1096 of the St. Mary Parish Council on April 25, 1990 for the purpose of providing fire protection, medical assistance, and extrication rescue. The District encompasses all of the territory within Ward 2 of the Parish of St. Mary lying to the south and southwest of the cernterline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The District's firefighters are volunteers of the Cypremort Point Volunteer Fire Department.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

NOTE 1- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 1 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

The district is a component unit of the St. Mary Parish Council, the financial reporting entity. The parish council is financially accountable for the district because it appoints a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on them.

The accompanying financial statements presents information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the parish council, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies. The following fund type is used by the district.

General Fund - The general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of operations.

The amounts reflected in the FFS use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The following practices are a summary of how the District accounts for its major sources of revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes (which are based on population and homesteads in the District) are recorded in the year the tax assessments are received from the parish tax collector. Revenues from grants and intergovernmental revenues are recognized when management believes all significant grant or usage requirements have been met. Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except principal and interest on general long-term debt which is not recognized until due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflect the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from general revenues.

E. BUDGETS

The district follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The district prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the board prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. The budget is adopted by the board.
- 3. Budgetary amendments involving increases or decreases in revenues or expenditures will require the approval of the board.
- 4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 5. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or amended by the board.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the district as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

H. INVESTMENTS

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S. 33:2955) and the district's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. For the year ended December 31, 2006, the district's investments include amounts deposited with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

I. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of the donation

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	Lives
Buildings	25 years
Fire Trucks	15 years
Equipment	5-10 years

J. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

There are no long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2006.

K. FUND EQUITY

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Any designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

L. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are recorded as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

M. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2006, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,244,549 in an interest-bearing demand deposit checking account. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2006, the District has \$1,245,697 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$100,000 federal deposit insurance and securities pledged by the fiscal agent bank with a market value at December 31, 2006 of \$1,271,516.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The District can invest in securities of the United States Government unless such an investment is expressly prohibited by law.

Investments in the amount of \$308,211 at December 31, 2006 are in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification I50.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and thereby not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from various local governments and statewide professional organizations. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

backed by the U. S. Treasury, the U. S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balance.

NOTE 4 - LEASES

The District has no material long-term non-cancelable lease commitments at December 31, 2006.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity for the year ended December 31, 2006 follows:

	Balance January I, 2006	Additions	Deletions/ Adjustments	Balance December 31, 2006
Buildings	\$ 47,198	\$ 10,522	\$ -	\$ 57,720
Equipment	316,578	4,373	•	320,951
Land and improvements	<u>79,671</u>	4,808		84,479
Total	443,447	19,703	•	463,150
Less: accumulated depreciation	(204,066)	(23,743)		(227,809)
Net capital assets	\$ 239,381	<u>\$ (4,040)</u>	\$	\$ 235,341

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$23,743 was charged to Health and Welfare.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTIES

The Cypremort Point Volunteer Fire Department provides volunteer firefighters for Fire Protection District No. 1.

The District is also a related party of the St. Mary Parish Council, the primary government. See Note 1 for further explanation of this relationship. The Parish Council allocated \$16,013 in funds to the District during the year ended December 31, 2006.

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, or damage to assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District has purchased commercial insurance to protect against loss from substantially all of these perils.

NOTE 9 - LITIGATION

There is no litigation pending against the District at December 31, 2006.

NOTE 10 - COMPENSATION PAID TO COMMISSIONERS

The District's commissioners received the following per diem for the year ended December 31, 2006:

Name	Amount
Robert Auerbach	\$ 360
Richard Legnon	360
Therisa Trosclair	240
Nicky Begnaud	330
Carolyn Simon	300
	\$_1,590

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL – GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Budget			Variance Favorable	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)	
Revenues					
Allocation from St. Mary Parish	\$ 15,800	\$ 15,800	\$ 16,013	\$ 213	
Other income	-	•	116	116	
Investment earnings	69,700	69,700	<u>73,721</u>	4,021	
Total revenues	85,500	85,500	89,850	4,350	
Expenditures					
Current - General government					
Board per diem	1,800	1,800	1,590	210	
Electric	1,300	1,300	1,212	88	
Insurance	8,300	8,300	7,303	997	
Miscellaneous	1,200	1,200	19	1,181	
Office expense	500	500	525	(25)	
Official journal	1,200	1,200	874	326	
Telephone	1,600	1,600	1,383	217	
Professional fees	2,000	2,000	4,256	(2,256)	
Outside services	9,000	9,000	9,000	(-,,	
Total general government	26,900	26,900	26,162	738	
Current - Public safety					
Communication	1,000	1,000	5,347	(4,347)	
Grounds and building maintenance	5,000	21,000	21,724	(724)	
Prevention services	-,	_ ,	· -	` "	
Public safety equipment	3,000	3,000	5,374	(2,374)	
Training	1,000	1,000	218	782	
Trucks and pump maintenance Water supply	2,000	2,000	2,179	(179)	
Total public safety	12,000	28,000	34,842	(6,842)	
Current - Health and safety					
Emergency medical technician	1,000	1,000	4,071	(3,071)	
Capital outlay	40,000	24,000	19,703	4,297	
Total expenditures	79,900	79,900	84,778	(4,878)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,600	5,600	5,072	(528)	
Fund balance, beginning	1,548,387	1,548,387	1,548,387		
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,553,987	\$ 1,553,987	\$ 1,553,459	\$ (528)	

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE LOUISIANA GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT GUIDE

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION Year Ended December 31, 2006

- Finding: Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than the legally allowed unfavorable variance of five percent.
- Cause: The District failed to amend its budget when it became aware that its actual expenditures would exceed budgeted revenues.
- Recommendation: The District should amend its budget when it becomes aware that anticipated actual expenditures will vary unfavorably from budgeted expenditures by more than five percent.
- Management's Response and Corrective Action: In the future, management will attempt to adhere to the budget laws and amend our budget when necessary.